

# CAPE BRETON

## WELCOME TO CAPE BRETON ISLAND

**Words of welcome have long been offered** to visitors as they cross the Canso Causeway to Cape Breton, ready to explore a region where history lives and breathes.

Step into the life of a French settler at the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site, North America's largest historical reconstruction, maybe take a White Glove Tour of the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site and get a behind-the-

scenes glimpse into Bell's life; share a traditional feast and hear stories and music while on an Eskasoni Cultural Journey; discover Chéticamp's Acadian history and world-famous hooked rugs at Les Trois Pignons Museum; or tap your toes to the Celtic tunes and try your hand at playing the fiddle at the Celtic Music Interpretive Centre. Tales of Cape Breton's past continue to influence its future with countless opportunities for you to become immersed in the Island's stories.

Breathe in the fresh air as you venture outside to take in a hike along the Skyline Trail in Cape Breton Highlands National Park, recently voted the Best National Park in Canada by USA Today 10Best—the spectacular cliffside ocean views are a reward for the senses. Play a round at Cabot Cliffs or Cabot Links, named #13 and #25 respectively on Golf Digest's World's 100 Greatest Golf Courses for 2024 and #1 and #6 respectively on Golf Digest's Best Courses in Canada for 2024 and #1 and #3 respectively on *SCOREGolf's* Top 100 for 2024. Stretch your legs with a bike ride or hike along the Celtic Shores Coastal Trail. Take a bike, car, or motorcycle tour of the world-renowned Cabot Trail, recently voted Best Scenic Drive in Canada by USA Today 10Best, with its dramatic coastal views and highland scenery.

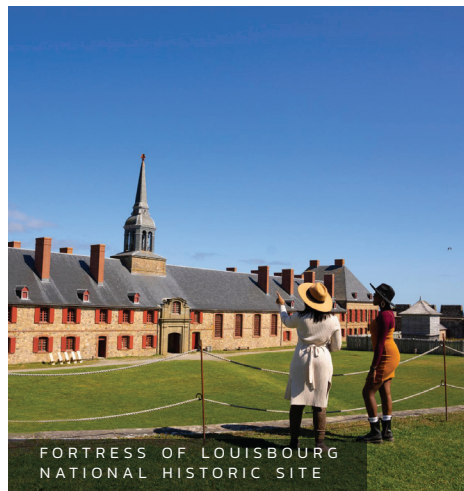
From history and culture to music, seafood, outdoor adventures, talented artisans, and friendly locals, a new discovery awaits around every corner of Cape Breton Island, named the #1 Island in the Americas by Condé Nast Traveler in 2019, 2020 and 2021, and #1 Best Island in Canada by Travel + Leisure in 2020 and 2021.



CABOT TRAIL



ESKASONI CULTURAL JOURNEYS



FORTRESS OF LOUISBOURG  
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

## Outdoor Adventures

### Trails

- Celtic Shores Coastal Trail – *Port Hastings to Inverness*
- Cape Breton Highlands National Park
  - West entrance: *16 Visitor Centre Road, Chéticamp*
  - East entrance: *37637 Cabot Trail, Ingonish*
- Old Town Trail – *Highway 22, near the Parks Canada Visitor Centre, Louisbourg*

### Golf

- Cabot Cliffs & Cabot Links – *18 Cabot Lane, Inverness*
- Le Portage Golf Club – *15580 Cabot Trail – Chéticamp*
- Highlands Links – *247 Keltic In Road, Ingonish Beach*
- Bell Bay Golf Club – *761 Highway 205, Baddeck*
- Dundee Golf Club – *2750 West Bay Highway, Dundee*
- The Lakes Golf Club – *5101 East Bay Highway, Ben Eoin*

### Bird Watching Tours

- Bird Island Boat Tours – *1672 Old Route 5, Big Bras d’Or*
- Donelda’s Bird Island Puffin Tours – *1099 Highway 312, Englishtown*

### Kayaking

- Cabot Trail Adventures – *299 Shore Road, Cape North*
- North River Kayak – *644 Murray Road, North River Bridge*
- Kayak Cape Breton & Cottages – *5385 West Bay Highway, Roberta*

### Sailing

- Sailing CBI – *Baddeck Community Wharf, Baddeck*
- Cape Breton Sailing Charters – *10101 Grenville Street, St. Peter’s*
- Amoeba Tours on the WinStar – *1 Jones Street, Baddeck*
- Richmond Adventure Sailing Tours – *10199 Grenville Street, St. Peter’s*

### Whale Watching

- Various tour operators in Inverness, Chéticamp, Pleasant Bay, Bay St. Lawrence, Neil’s Harbour, and Ingonish

## Can’t Miss Attractions & Experiences

- Glenora Distillery – *13727 Highway 19, Glenville*
- Celtic Music Interpretive Centre – *5471 Highway 19, Judique*
- Strathspey Performing Arts Centre – *11156 Highway 19, Mabou*
- Red Shoe Pub – *11573 Highway 19, Mabou*
- Cabot Trail Artisans – *various locations along Cabot Trail*
- Cape Smokey Gondola – *38696 Cabot Trail Road, Ingonish Beach*
- Great Hall of the Clans at the Gaelic College – *51779 Cabot Trail, St. Ann’s*
- Theatre Baddeck – *24 Queen Street, Baddeck*
- Savoy Theatre – *116 Commercial Street, Glace Bay*
- Highland Arts Centre – *40 Bentinck Street, Sydney*
- Cape Breton Centre for Craft & Design – *322 Charlotte Street, Sydney*

## 2025 Events

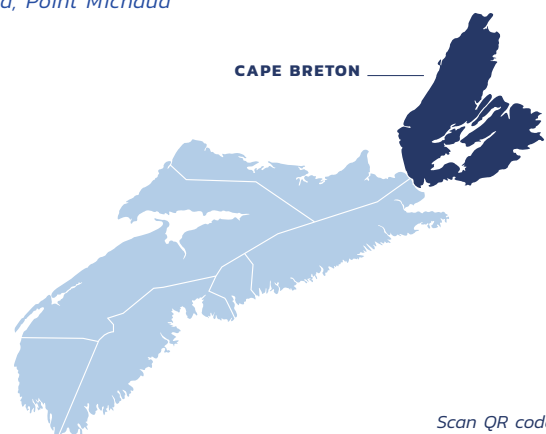
- Roots to Boots Festival, Chéticamp – **June 12–15**
- KitchenFest! | Feis a Chidsin! – **June 27–July 5**
- Festival de l’Escaouette, Chéticamp – **July 31–August 3**
- Louisbourg Crab Festival – **August 2**
- Blueberry Jam Outdoor Concert – **August 15–16**
- Hike the Highlands Festival – **September 13–19**
- Celtic Colours International Festival – **October 10–18**

## Museums & Historic Sites

- Les Trois Pignons: Museum of the Hooked Rug and Home Life – *15584 Cabot Trail, Chéticamp*
- Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site – *559 Chebucto Street, Baddeck*
- Wagmatcook Culture & Heritage Centre – *10765 Highway 105, Wagmatcook*
- Highland Village Museum | Baile nan Gàidheal – *4119 Highway 223, Iona*
- Eskasoni Cultural Journeys – *1 Goat Island Trail, Eskasoni*
- Marconi National Historic Site – *15 Timmerman Street, Table Head, Glace Bay*
- Cape Breton Miners’ Museum – *17 Museum Street, Glace Bay*
- Sydney’s Historic District – *North End, Sydney*
- Membertou Heritage Park – *35 Su’n Awti, Membertou First Nation*
- Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site – *58 Wolfe Street, Louisbourg*
- LeNoir Forge Museum – *708 Veterans Memorial Drive, Arichat*
- St. Peter’s Canal National Historic Site – *160 Toulouse Street, St. Peter’s*

## Beaches

- Port Hood Beach – *40 Court Street*
- Inverness Beach – *158 Beach No. 1 Road, Inverness*
- West Mabou Beach Provincial Park – *1757 Little Mabou Road, Mabou*
- Black Brook Beach – *33637 Cabot Trail, Cape Breton Highlands National Park*
- Ingonish Beach – *90 Beach Road, Ingonish Beach*
- Dominion Beach Provincial Park – *48 Lower Mitchell Avenue, Dominion*
- Kennington Cove Beach – *Kennington Cove Road, Louisbourg*
- Point Michaud Beach Provincial Park – *3796 Point Michaud Road, Point Michaud*



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